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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand covered the full range, best for ads and into food service. Inclement weather caused power outages in the South and hazardous road conditions affected plant schedules and product deliveries also in the Midwest. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was best where specials for breast items and Super Bowl party platters were present; however, wings were still long and moving fair. Dark meat items were usually sufficient with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/24-01/29/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	44.00-45.00	44.88	17	48.77	28
Chicago	41.00-44.00	43.28	49	46.32	80
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	55.94	33
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.92	12
Denver	62.50	62.41	17	57.61	49
Detroit	42.00-47.00	47.23	10	49.73	37
Los Angeles	63.00	61.75	62	59.64	123
New York	42.00-45.00	44.21	33	51.98	81
Philadelphia	41.00-44.00	42.71	7	46.01	26
Pittsburgh	42.00-43.50	43.20	10	53.21	63
St. Louis	42.50	42.21	18	47.26	43
San Francisco	63.50	62.68	30	64.97	61

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/24/00	Change/Last Wk	01/17/00	01/25/99
636	53.74	0.01	53.73	59.26

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
East	47.50-48.50	49.53	40
Central	47.00-51.00	50.82	56
West	49.00-68.00	57.19	54

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	55.00-57.00	56.83	81
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,157	41.00-60.02	56.65

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	135.00	4,124
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.50	2,105
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.50	621
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,835
WINGS	76.50	3,038

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about moderate. Offerings were mixed as plants ran irregular schedules last week. Overall, however, most sizes were adequate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone remained generally steady. In the parts market, breast items were short to adequate. The balance of parts was more than adequate with wings in the longest position.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best where featured. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were mixed with some plants throughout Georgia suffering from power outages and limited access on roads due to adverse winter weather. In the parts structure, trading for breast items was best with supplies adequate to close balanced. Wings were in the longest position and slow to clear, and dark meat items were mostly adequate and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Offerings easily adequate to cover current needs. Demand improved for California grown product by stores to cover planned first-of-the month features, light otherwise, fairly good by fast food. Dealers reported moderate week-end carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was at 47.90 up 4.00 from last Monday, with the volume reported at 27 loads up 8 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged, irregular into Detroit and St. Louis, and TFEWR into Ohio. Whole fryer trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were adequate or available for trade needs. Retail movement was seasonal, slow to fair, best for features. Food service demand was mixed, slow to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was fair to good on breast items, mixed on wings and light to fair on dark meat items. Trade sentiment was fully steady on breast items, steady to weak on wings and steady on the remainder.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Offerings varied from plant to plant, but were fully sufficient to handle overall needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 45 to 57 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, demand centered on adequate to short supplies of bone-in breasts. Boneless skinless breasts were in generally good balance. Leg quarters were adequate and cleared satisfactorily. Wings were generally slow in clearing.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	43-61
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.74
NO. OF BOXES	9,629

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest entering the week was generally fair. However, some caution was noted as more wintry weather was forecast for the Northeast this week. Supplies of breast items were usually short to adequate. All other items were at least adequate, and wings were in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was slow to moderate. Many features this week on breast items and Super Bowl party platters were expected to improve consumer activity. The market tone was fully steady for breast items and about steady on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	138.65	466,600
TENDERLOINS	115	115.35	75,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	65-66	75.19	208,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	65	71.20	154,400
LEGS	26-27	28.58	425,580
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.14	340,978
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.57	68,680
THIGHS	21-22	28.87	60,480
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.96	18,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73	80.29	197,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	44,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.63	32,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.80	55,800

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	911	122.00-168.00	132-137	135.78
TENDERLOINS	127	120.00-154.00	-	141.23
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	280	49.00-54.00	49	50.15
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	239	17.00-18.00	17	17.04
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,068	18.00-19.00	18	18.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	133	58.00-76.00	68-72	65.48
DRUMSTICKS	137	32.00-45.00	32	33.59
THIGHS	186	19.00-39.00	25-29	25.42

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/24	01/20	01/20	01/17	01/13
ALA	3,956	3,790	5.07	2,121	5.03
ARK	5,157	5,127	4.80	4,885	4.92
DELMARVA	1,352	1,352	5.20	783	5.22
KY-LA-TN	2,091	2,043	4.29	1,746	4.37
MISS	2,726	2,708	5.03	1,023	4.88
NC	2,151	2,356	5.94	1,485	4.77
TEXAS	2,217	2,228	4.74	2,065	4.78
TOTAL	19,650	19,604	4.99	14,108	4.89
MON	19,650(A)			14,108(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Jan 2000 is estimated to be 29,399,000 up 38.87 percent from a week ago and down 0.21 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 21,170,000, last year 29,460,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	378	125.00-189.00	125-129	145.65
TENDERLOINS	188	115.00-200.00	-	174.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	63.00-70.00	65-67	69.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	49	27.00-34.00	27-28	28.29
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	357	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.08
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,076	17.50-20.00	20	19.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	111	68.00-76.00	68-72	70.23
WINGS (CUT)	510	80.50-89.00	82-83	84.10
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 24, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	32.75 - 34.50	33.04

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 01/24-01/28/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	123.00 - 150.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 73.00	66.00 - 70.00
LEGS	29.00 - 36.00	29.00 - 30.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 22.00	18.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 45.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	66.00 - 77.00	68.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	78-96
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	84-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	79-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299-309
RABBITS-CUT UP	316-326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104
	ICE PACK	92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-162

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	17.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	20.00		17.00	18.00

400,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE	15.00-16.00	-	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.41			16.00

840,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	14.00-15.00	16.50-18.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.31	17.00	12.22	13.64

1,880,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	12.50	12.75
WTD AVERAGE			12.50	12.75

400,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was seasonally active for reduced but adequate offerings. Finished sales were usually good. Schedules for next week were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 24-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	8.5-10.00	10.62

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE	20.00	-	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00		14.22	

224,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	-	19.00	10.00-13.00	11.00-18.00
WTD AVERAGE		19.00	10.60	13.04

1,226,000 pounds, this includes 530,400 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for reduced but usually adequate offerings. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 24-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16	8-10	10.03
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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